GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5084
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NON-PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT AND PADDY AT MSP
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints of non-procurement of wheat and paddy at support price due to their surplus production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments are extending cooperation in the procurement of wheat and paddy at support price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : The Government has not received any complaint of non-procurement of wheat and paddy at Minimum Support Price due to their surplus production. During the Kharif and Rabi Marketing Season 2000-2001, a quantity of 114.24 lakh tonnes of paddy and 163.55 lakh tonnes of wheat respectively has been procured.

(c) & (d) : The State Governments are extending all cooperation in the procurement of wheat and paddy at support price. During the Kharif and Rabi Marketing Season 2000-2001, out of the total procurement, 73.30% of paddy and 78.91% of wheat was procured by the State Governments through their various agencies for the Central Pool.